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AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY LISBON IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CDES, AO (GEARHART, DANIEL)

SUBJECT: RETURN OF REMAINS

REF: LISBON 4753 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL REPORTS THAT ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT NOW REFUSES TO HONOR EMBASSY LISBON'S TELEGRAM AUTHORIZING LUANDA FSL JULIO CORREA TO EFFECT RETURN OF REMAINS OF GEARHART AND GEORGE BACON. ANGOLANS NOW REQUIRING THAT DIPLOMATIC MISSION ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN LUANDA REPRESENT USG IN MATTER. GEARHART REMAINS WERE TO BE CLAIMED WITHIN EIGHT  
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DAYS OF EXECUTION SATURDAY JULY 10.

2. EMBASSY LISBON ALSO REPORTS THAT SWEDISH EMBASSY LISBON SUGGESTED THAT GOS PREPARED TO BE HELPFUL BUT SWEDES DO NOT HAVE RESIDENT MISSION IN ANGOLA AND WE ARE UNAWARE IF SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO RECENTLY VISITED LUANDA STILL THERE.

3. FOR ROME: DEPT BELIEVES ITALIAN AMBASSADOR RECENTLY ARRIVED IN LUANDA IS BEST BET. EMBASSY ROME THEREFORE REQUESTED APPROACH GOI TO ASK THEM TO ACT ON BEHALF USG AND FAMILIES OF DECEASED IN THIS MATTER. REQUEST SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT (A) USG IN NO WAY INTENDS TO IMPLY DIPLOMATIC

RECOGNITION AND (B) GOI MERELY BEING ASKED TO ACT AS AGENT IN HUMANITARIAN MATTER INVOLVING AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO HAVE REQUESTED CONSULAR ASSISTANCE. (BACON SITUATION DIFFERS SINCE HE ALREADY BURIED. IF GOI PREPARED ACT FOR BACON FAMILY AS WELL, FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS WILL FOLLOW.)

4. FOR STOCKHOLM: ALTHOUGH GOS DOES NOT HAVE RESIDENT MISSION IN LUANDA, WE MAY WISH TO SEEK ITS ASSISTANCE IF GOI IS NOT RECEPTIVE TO ACTING ON OUR BEHALF AND SWEDISH DIPLOMAT IS IN FACT STILL IN LUANDA. COULD YOU CHECK THIS LAST POINT AND ADVISE?

5. FOR BRUSSELS: IF NEITHER GOI OR GOS FEEL ABLE TO ACT IN THIS SITUATION, WE ARE THINKING OF GOB AS BACK-UP THROUGH ITS CONSULATE GENERAL IN LUANDA. NO ACTION ON YOUR PART NECESSARY AT THIS TIME.

6. ALL ADDRESSEES: IMMEDIATE REPLY REQUESTED. KISSINGER

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